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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) GW, WB, US
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PROPOSED SCHEDULE

REF: (A) STATE 145957; (B) FRANKFURT 4613

1. BELOW ARE OUR COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE IN
REF A) WHICH HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH EMB BONN.
2. WE WELCOME DECISION IN FAVOR OF VISIT TO BRIGADE 76 AT
WIESBADEN/ERBENHEIM. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT 20 MINUTES
FOR ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AT RHEIN/MAIN AIR
BASE, THE NECESSARY GREETINGS, THE REVIEW OF A STATIC
DISPLAY OF ABOUT 10 AMERICAN AND GERMAN COMBAT AIRCRAFT
AND THE GREETING OF AMERICAN FAMILIES WHO WILL HAVE
ASSEMBLED TO SEE THE PRESIDENT IS NOT SUFFICIENT. WE
HOPE 10 MINUTES CAN BE RESTORED TO THIS PART OF THE
PROGRAM.

3. REFTEL B) WHICH CROSSED REFTEL A) (REPEATED BY
EMBASSY BONN TO DEPARTMENT) CONTAINS THE REQUESTED
UP-DATE ON CURRENT JOINT PLANNING BY US ARMY
AUTHORITIES AND CONGEN FRANKFURT FOR THE PROGRAM AT
BRIGADE 76. WE BELIEVE THIS IS DEVELOPING INTO A VERY
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IMPRESSIVE SHOW WHICH WILL ALSO AFFORD THE PRESIDENT
ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE NOT ONLY TO TROOPS BUT ALSO TO THEIR
FAMILIES AS WELL AS TO THE GERMAN PUBLIC WHICH WILL BE
INVITED TO ATTEND. WE THEREFORE ALSO HOPE THAT THIS PART
OF THE PROGRAM CAN BE RESTORED TO ITS FULL LENGTH OF
ONE HOUR.

4. EVEN IF THIS IS DONE THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD STILL
BE ABLE TO LEAVE BRIGADE 76 AT 1055, ARRIVE AT THE
ROMER IN FRANKFURT AT 1125 AND DEPART FROM THERE AT 1155
OR 1200. IF FULL 30 MINUTES PRIVATE TIME IS DESIRED
WE SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO DELAY DEPARTURE OF
AIR FORCE ONE UNTIL 1245. BELIEVE THIS WOULD STILL ALLOW
AMPLE TIME FOR PRESS PLANES TO ARRIVE IN BERLIN AHEAD OF
AIR FORCE ONE AS WELL AS FOR IN-FLIGHT LUNCH. LEHMANN

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